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# VETERINARY CLINIC NEWS

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## February is Dental Health Month

Dental health is very important for our pets. When we consider how many activities our pets do with their mouths, it's no wonder a healthy mouth makes such a difference to their overall health. Think about this: in addition to the normal task of eating and vocalizing that we both share in common, our pets use their mouths to:

- groom themselves, their friends and offspring
- clean themselves
- catch their food
- play - fetch, frisbee
- defend themselves
- do work such as police dogs, hunting and cattle dogs

Recently we have had two dramatic cases that illustrate this. One cat could no longer eat and was vomiting because his teeth were so bad. After we extracted (pulled) all his teeth except two he went to the food bowl and wouldn't quit eating. His teeth were so painful. Another dog had two major teeth that were abscessed (infected). After extracting them the owner said this 10 year old was acting like she was two again.

Tooth care is important.

Bring your pet with you to the Open House and get a free dental exam.

## What's Involved in Surgery?

At our Open House we will be performing a spay surgery. A spay is technically called an ovariohysterectomy because it involves the removal of both the ovaries and the uterus. The procedure we use at our clinics is as follows:

1. Pre-surgical examination
2. Pre-surgical blood work
3. Injectable sedation
4. Induction of anesthesia
5. Gas anesthesia and pulse oximeter monitoring

6. Cap gown and gloving by the veterinarian
7. Surgical procedure:
  - a. Midline incision
  - b. Ligate and transection of the ovarian vessels
  - c. Ligate and transect the uterus
  - d. Suture the linnea
  - e. Suture the subcutaneous tissue
  - f. Suture the skin
8. Wake the animal up – remove the tube
9. Monitor the animal post-op

If you would like to see how this procedure is performed come to our open house. You will be allowed to stand and watch in the surgery room as long as you've put on a cap and mask. Parents will need to supervise their children as the staff will be monitoring the anesthesia during the surgery.

## Humane Society will be at Belle Plaine Animal Hospital

Carver-Scott Humane Society will be present at the Belle Plaine Animal Hospital on Feb. 11, 2006. Information, brochures, and a poster with pictures of pets ready for adoption will be on display. They will be more than happy to explain their organization and how they help the less fortunate cats and dogs that are in need of good homes.

### Foster Me: a rewarding way to help those who can't help themselves!

Foster homes are needed to temporarily house cats and dogs of all ages and sizes until they are permanently adopted. Foster homes provide shelter, love, trips to the vet as needed and attendance at monthly Pet Adoption Days. Food, supplies and medical care are provided by Carver-Scott Humane Society.



For more information on opening your home to an animal in transition, please call 952.368.3553 and leave a message on line 3. A dog or cat coordinator will return your call.

# OPEN HOUSE



**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006**

*Carver-Scott Humane Society Animals*

*February 11 only*

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Belle Plaine Animal Hospital

**Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006**

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Le Sueur Veterinary Services

*Live Surgery  
Demonstration*

*Free Dental Exams*

*Coffee, Cookies  
and Juice*

*Please come and join us!*

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